

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWS LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Some of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Monday when intended for Wednesday's paper and not later than Thursday for Saturday's issue. This, of course, applies only to regular correspondence. In case of items of unusual news value, send in immediately by mail, telephone or telegraph. Such news stories are acceptable up to the hour of going to press. Wednesday's paper is printed Tuesday afternoon and Saturday's paper Friday afternoon.

SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, Sept. 26.—We are still having hot weather, and very little peas are being made, although the vines on many farms are very fine. A lot of peavine hay will be cut this fall.

Forty-two years ago, in December, 1868, M. W. Phillips, editor of the Southern Farmer, a publication of that day, wrote an article in which he gave a description of a cotton seed huller perfected by William R. Fee, of Cincinnati. The new huller required the attention of two men, while at the same time a third man had to feed it. Two horses were necessary to operate it and it would hull one ton of seed a day, from which forty gallons of oil were made. A writer in De Bow's Review said, "The time will come when cotton seed will bring a higher price than wheat." Think of that coming at a time when the gin houses were posting signs forcing their customers to take away their seed—generally to some ravine or branch where they were dumped out and allowed to wash away. Judging from the present prices, the time is not far distant when that prediction will materialize. Then look out for the bears and English bankers, as it is thought their bill of lading scheme is only a clique to aid the bears in forcing down the price of cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Robertson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weldon, of Heriots.

The school of Smithville is progressing nicely. Miss Pearl Napier is principal and Miss Belle McCutchen is assistant teacher.

Mrs. D. J. Robertson and children are visiting relatives at Beulah.

Tom Stuckey, colored, died a few days ago, at his home, after several months illness.

An infant whose parents live on Mrs. Sallie Robertson's place died on last Tuesday.

Beulah has another pellagra patient. Miss Holland, daughter of Mr. John Holland is critically ill with pellagra. No hopes are entertained for her recovery.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, Sept. 28.—Miss Henry Reynolds of Pinewood spent a few days of the past week with Miss Eunice Osteen at the "Sycamores."

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith, Mrs. Jessie Turner and daughter, Gladys, Mr. Charlie Smith, Miss Irma Smith, and Irma Felder of Sumter and Mr. Fritz Graham of Paxville, spent Sunday at Mr. T. H. Osteen's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Geddings, and Mrs. W. J. Ardis visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Geddings near Pinewood last Sunday.

Corbett Weeks and Jack Ardis of this Corner visited at Mr. John Windham's near Wedgfield last Sunday.

Mr. C. L. Griffin, the first merchant to open a store at Pinewood, and the first postmaster, and for a while magistrate at Pinewood, died at his home last Sunday morning, and the interment took place at the Pinewood cemetery Monday a. m. Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife (who was Miss Lizzie Moore, of Wedgfield) and four brothers, J. R., B. D., S. G., and A. W. Griffin and one sister, Mrs. E. P. Geddings, and one half sister, Mrs. John W. Ardis, and several small children.

Cotton picking is in full blast and it is not falling to open these hot days, some hay is being cut and some corn has been gathered. Cotton seed is bringing a fancy price, 50 cents for thirty pounds, or 53 cents for 32 pounds.

Your Smithville scribe said some time ago that I was in the dark and wished to remain so. Well, I am aware of what the Dutchman said, "It is hard to get the behindmost word mit a 'oman." But I will venture to say this much that I have not met a blind tiger or drank any of their booze or ordered any myself since the dispensary was closed up, and I have never ordered nor expect to order any booze. But I do not love to hear anything croak but frogs for that is the one thing our Maker made to croak. I shall be happy if the day comes when there is no booze. However, that day will come no more

than the cow will come to the man who goes out and sits down on a rock in the meadow with his milk bucket between his feet, expecting the cow to come of her own will and be milked. If we all don't go to work to make prohibition a success. But say, Mr. Editor, what have we been doing along that line? nothing! So let us grumble and growl less, and do more for prohibition than we have ever done. And let us remember how the Jews repaired the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's times by every one working before his own door.

So let us do our duty and let us commence at home, so says

"Old Hard Times."

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Many Cases Come up Before the Recorder for Settlement.

The first case to come up in the Recorder's Court Wednesday morning was against Jerry White for not paying his landlady for his board. Harriet Jackson was the person he owed, and it was shown by his testimony that he had owed her the amount of one dollar and five cents for some time. He was fined two dollars, plus that sum. The fine was paid.

Tillman Brown was called up for cheating his landlady, Susan Burroughs, out of \$2.25. He pleaded guilty of owing her part of that amount but not all of it. However, that did not keep the Recorder from fining him \$4.25 or 10 days. He paid the fine.

The next case was that of Alex Peterson against William Chatman for striking him with a stick so as to seriously injure his working ability. Chatman was fined \$5 or 10 days. He preferred to part with the money rather than work for the county.

James Thomas, familiarly known as "Sug" was called up for reckless driving and, as it was shown that he had run into another hackman, he was forced to fork up \$2 to turn it over to the city.

Saul Pringle, charged with disturbance of the peace by cursing and striking Jane Prophet, pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10, or 20 days.

RUNAWAY ON MAIN STREET.

Horse Frightened by Automobile, Takes to Sidewalk and Store of Mr. C. C. Beck's.

Thursday about 10 o'clock a horse owned by Mr. A. T. Atkinson, an insurance man of this city, was frightened by an automobile coming up behind it and plunged off, throwing Mr. Atkinson out of his buggy and dragging him some distance along the pavement.

Mr. Atkinson was by himself in the buggy, which was in front of the Sumter Dry Goods store, at the time that the frightened horse started off and before he could check its progress, the horse had run against the sidewalk, overturning the buggy and throwing Mr. Atkinson in between the wheels. He held the lines, however, and was dragged along the street for about fifty feet, when the horse turned and started into Mr. Beck's store. The buggy struck the door jams and the harness was torn loose from the horse by the force of the impact, the buggy remaining there and the horse continuing its way to the rear of the store, where it became entangled in a bolt of cloth and was captured and let out through the rear door.

Mr. Atkinson's arm and leg were severely bruised and scratched by the stones and his clothes were almost torn from him, but otherwise he was not seriously injured. The buggy was kicked and broken in several places and was considerably damaged. In the store the horse broke a big show case, scattered garments right and left and ended his mad career by smashing several trunks, which impeded its progress. The horse itself was uninjured.

This makes the second runaway on the streets this week, and the fourth one in the vicinity of the city in that time, one of which proved fatal to the driver.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

Bids for The Sewerage Work Opened Tuesday night at Council Meeting—Question of Putting Street Oil on Streets Discussed—Other Matters.

The City Council held its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The chief question for discussion was the opening of the bids of the various contractors for the work to be done on the sewerage line on Oakland Avenue and, as to the acceptance or rejection of the bids. Other matters were brought up but were speedily gone through with, so as to get to the all-absorbing question of the sewerage work, as soon as possible, and that, with that matter looked into, the ordinance makers might adjourn and go to the show which was incidentally looked upon as another important event of the evening.

The meeting was called for 6 o'clock instead of 8 so that all matters might be through with by time for the show, but as the city engineer had advertised that the bids would be opened at 8 o'clock, council did not take up that matter until the last thing during the evening, in the meantime looking into various matters that were brought up for action.

The first question discussed was that of furnishing food for the city prisoners in the county jail. It was shown that at present these prisoners are fed by the sheriff, who furnishes them with food at forty cents a day. It was decided that the matter should be looked into and, if it should be found the city could feed them at less expense, it would be for it to do so. At the same time it was decided that good food should be furnished, and whatever the food was worth should be paid.

A letter from Mr. Mills, an agent for various medicines, desiring to sell and advertise medicine in the city at a reduced rate of license was read by the clerk. It was decided that no reduction should be made in the present license and if party desired to sell his medicine he must pay the required price for the license. The council was petitioned to straighten out Hauser Street, which matter was referred to city engineer to be looked into and reported back to council. The matter of widening Sumter and Dugan Streets which was requested of city was referred to Street Committee to be looked into and reported back to council. A bill from the Sumter Railway and Mill Supply Company was referred to the Chairman of the Street Committee with power to act.

The City Engineer was then called upon to make a report of what work had been done by him since the last meeting of council. He said that the laying of Liberty street had been completed, Oakland Avenue had been clayed from Main to Harvin street, and that parts of John and Sumter streets had been widened. He said that the Superintendent of Streets had been busy harvesting the hay crop and that at present was engaged in weeding the streets in the parts of the city that most needed weeding.

Mr. McKelver called the attention of council to the fact that a large oak tree at the corner of Caldwell and Harvin streets was seriously in the way of persons traveling those streets and, as the tree was already almost dead, it was advisable that it be removed at once. The Street Committee was instructed to remove the tree as soon as possible.

Mr. McKelver then brought up the matter of using road oil on the streets. He stated that he had raised almost half of the sum necessary to order a carload of the oil and that he thought that the city ought to be willing to supply the remainder of the amount. He said that he had seen how the oil acted on the streets in Charleston and that he thought that it would be a great thing if the city should try the experiment and, if it proved successful, that more of the oil ought to be shipped here. Mr. McKelver said that the cost would be about \$275 and that he had raised about half of that amount, that he did not see the use of ordering a smaller supply than a carload at a greatly increased price, when a carload of the stuff could be purchased much more cheaply. The matter was discussed for some time but no action was taken.

The opera house committee reported that the pulley for shifting the scenery at the opera house had not yet been erected but that it would be as soon as convenient.

The cotton samples purchased some time ago by the Chamber of Commerce, and now on exhibition in the lobby of the Farmers' Bank and Trust Company were discussed and it was deemed advisable that the city build a cabinet for the purpose of keeping the samples on exhibition so that all farmers interested in the subject might see them. Mr. Glenn thought that it would be a waste of money as the coloring would fade and the samples be ruined as soon as they were left in the light for any length of time. This was remedied

by the fact that the cabinet was to be so constructed with glass front doors so that the light could not get through to the samples. The matter was left to Mr. McKelver to act, if he could have the cabinet constructed at a moderate cost. It was decided that the best place for the cabinet was in the lobby of the City hall.

Mr. Cuttino brought up the matter of the pool rooms not conforming to the city ordinance in the matter of curtains, and allowing minors to play pool in them. The matter was discussed for some time, finally being referred to the police committee.

All matters being finished except that concerning the sewerage bids, council adjourned until eight o'clock when the session was resumed.

At 8 o'clock the meeting was resumed. The first matter was the opening of the five bids, which had been submitted for the sewerage work on Oakland Avenue. City Engineer Lee thought that the work ought to cost about \$12,000 and as the bids submitted averaged considerably more than that it was deemed inadvisable to act on them at once and the council went into executive session, the bidders leaving the hall. At this time Mr. Thomas, of the Thomas Lumber Company, came before the council to ask that action be taken by council towards removing city tax from his lumber plant which had been moved here some time ago for the purpose of manufacturing lumber from hard wood logs, he having understood that new enterprises of the sort were not taxed until five years after their establishment in the town. Mr. McLaurin said that this plant would come under the act which was passed by council for the protection of new industries and that he thought that it would be well to allow the firm to have the privilege of non-taxation for the five years. Council decided to act to this effect later.

After the bids for the sewerage work had been opened, it was suggested by one of the contractors present that he had a proposition to make if the city should decide to have the old works strengthened and repaired instead of new works installed. This was discussed for some time but the prevailing opinion was that it would be better to have a new system installed than to have the old one repaired and strengthened. City Engineer Lee said that he could make no estimate for what would be required in repairing the old work and that in his opinion it would not be best to try to replace it or to repair it. After the matter had been discussed for a considerable time the council adjourned to meet again tonight at 8 o'clock, when the matter would be acted upon if possible.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 29.

The adjourned meeting of City Council met last night at 8:30 o'clock to continue the discussion on the bids for the sewerage work to be done on Oakland Avenue, all members of council being present except Alderman McLaurin. All of the members present seemed anxious to get the matter through with as soon as possible, while at the same time they did not wish to act precipitately, it being considered entirely too important a question to be hurriedly acted upon. Mr. Geo. F. Epperson was present and his request of council was heard first. Mr. Epperson asked permission to put up a gasoline filler three by four feet, on the edge of the sidewalk in front of his office. He said that similar filling stations were put up in cities and that after the filler should be placed, space for a twelve-foot sidewalk would be left and that this would be wider than the sidewalks at other places in the city. He further said that it would be a great convenience not only to him but to the general public at large, who would have, with the gasoline filler on the edge of the sidewalk, only to run up their automobiles and have them filled from the tank.

The question of allowing the Thomas Lumber Company to carry on business in the city without paying the town license, or tax, was refused, and it was decided that the company would have to pay the tax if it wished to continue business here.

These matters being through with council returned to the matter of the bids for the sewerage work for a long and hard session.

The bids had been opened at 8 o'clock the night before and after summing up the totals from the various prices offered for parts of the work, Major W. L. Lee, City Engineer, had found that Berghaus & Moffatt, of Orangeburg, had bid the lowest by almost \$2,000, their bid being \$14,412 and the next bid to that being somewhat over \$16,000. The estimate of the City Engineer was about \$12,000, after allowing a commission of 20 per cent for the work and, as it was deemed inadvisable to accept a bid with a difference of an amount of that size, it was decided to confer with Mr. Berghaus and see if he would not reduce the price bid on the septic tank and for

the embankment work out near the cemetery, his bids for this work being higher than that of any of his competitors.

Mr. Glenn did not see why the city should pay as much as \$30 a thousand for the lumber, when it could be bought so much cheaper, but it was shown that it was impossible to find out how much of the lumber would be needed or exactly what kind of lumber would do for the work until the work was under way and therefore the price was uncertain, and that in cases of the sort the contractors always gave the contractors the benefit of the doubt. The bids were very uneven, that is, a person bidding high on one thing would bid extremely low on something else, but it was found that the bid of Berghaus & Moffatt was lower on all the parts of the work except for the septic tank and the embankment work. It was decided to communicate with Mr. Berghaus through his agent, who was in the city waiting to see what would be the outcome of council's action on the bids, it being understood through him that Mr. Berghaus might lower the bids on these two parts of the work. It was then decided to adjourn till Mr. Berghaus was heard from when the Mayor would have a called meeting of the council.

Just before council adjourned the matter of granting Mr. Epperson permission to put the gasoline filler on the sidewalk in front of his warehouse was brought up and after a very brief discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the com-

mittee on Public Works who should look into it and report to council at its next regular meeting.

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